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Sir:

The Issue Fee for the above-cited application has not been presented. European Patent Application 0 416 815 A2 (copy enclosed) assigned to Dow Chemical Company and published March 13, 1991. The European Patent Application claims priority back to the following U.S. cases: 401,345, filed August 31, 1989; U.S. 401,344, filed August 31, 1989; U.S. 428,082; filed October 17, 1989; U.S. 428,283, filed October 27, 1989; 428,276, filed October 27, 1989; U.S. 436,524, filed November 14, 1989; and U.S. 545,403, filed July 3, 1990. The European Application, if it constituted prior art against the above-identified application, would contain disclosure and claims which may be considered relevant to the patentability of the claims contained in USSN 728,428.

European Patent Application 0 416 815 A2 describes metal coordination complexes comprising a metal of Group 3 (except Sc), 4-10 or the lanthanide series and a delocalized π -bonded moiety have said moiety substituted with a constrain-inducing moiety which reduces the angle at the metal between the centroid of said π -bonded moiety and at least one remaining substituted. Preferably, the complexes comprise a cyclopentadienyl or substituted cyclopentadienyl group forming

part of a ring structure in which the metal is both bonded to an adjacent covalent moiety and held in association with the (substituted) cyclopentadienyl moiety. Complexes of said preferred structure are not necessarily constrained sufficiently to reduce said angle. Amidosilane and amidoalkanediyl compounds are particularly preferred.

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